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SUBJ: SRI LANKA CELEBRATES MAY DAY

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REF: COLOMBO 1088

1. SUMMARY: UFG COALITION PARTIES MOUNTED ALL- OUT EFFORT TO CELEBRATE MAY DAY. FREE TRANSPORT AND MONEY PAYMENTS HELPED TO ATTRACT TENS OF THOUSANDS TO GALLE FACE GREEN. PM TOLD CROWDS THAT SIZE OF TURNOUT DISPROVED CLAIMS THAT RECENT SENANAYAKE FUNERAL SHOWED POPULAR REJECTION OF UFG. SHE REITERATED COMMITMENT TO 1970 ELECTION PLATFORM OBJECTIONS AND PROMISED SPEEDIER IMPLEMENTATION, CITING LAKE HOUSE TAKEOVER AS MOST RECENT PROOF OF UFG INTENTIONS. OTHER SPEAKERS ATTACKED UNP AND CLAIMED THAT PARTY REACTIONARY AND THAT IT ACTIVE IN ATTEMPTS TO DISCREDIT UNITED FRONT THROUGH INCIDENTS. RALLY UNDERSCORED UFG NERVOUSNESS AND UNCERTAINTY, ATTITUDE WHICH MAY LEAD TO TOUGHER LINE WITH UNP. END SUMMARY.

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2. UFG COALITION PARTIES STAGED FIRST MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS SINCE 1970, AND MOUNTED ALL- OUT EFFORT TO REDEEM POPULAR IMAGE ERODED BY NATIONAL MOURNING FOR DUDLEY SENANAYAKE. WITH INCENTIVES REPORTEDLY INCLUDING FREE BUS TRANSPORT, TEN- RUPEE PAYMENT PER HEAD AND LUNCH PACKETS, PRO- GOVT TRADE UNIONS AND UFG M. P. S SUCCEEDED IN TURNING OUT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS FOR MASS MEETING MAY 1 ON GALLE FACE GREEN. R3-18-73.

L-06, DRIVER/ MESSENGER, FSL-7, SHANOON, AHMED, FSL-7, \$5,549 , 04-10-72.

2. KUWAIT WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INPUT, IF NECESSARY.
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